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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MOVE TO OUST ROC FROM INTELSAT

1. ROC MINISTER MARTIN WONG CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BARGER NOVEMBER 8 TO DISCUSS
POSSIBLE MOVE TO OUST ROC FROM INTELSAT.

2. BARGER SAID WE HAD RECENTLY LEARNED OF POSSIBILITY
THAT PROPOSAL MAY BE MADE AT NOVEMBER 12-16 INTELSAT MEET-
ING OF SIGNATORIES (MOS) TO OUST ROC. WE WOULD URGE THAT
ISSUE BE DECLARED OUT OF ORDER; IF UNSUCCESSFUL WE WOULD
VOTE AGAINST IT AND EXPLAIN OUR VOTE BY SAYING MOS IMPRO-
PER FORUM TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP ISSUE. BUT IF OUSTER MOVE
DID NOT OCCUR AT MOS, BARGER CONTINUED, IT ALMOST CERTAIN
TO OCCUR AT INTELSAT ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES (AOP) SCHEDULED
TO MEET FEBRUARY 4-8, 1974. BARGER SAID WE BELIEVE OUSTER
RESOLUTION AT AOP ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT
THOUGHT ROC WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE INTELSAT SER-
VICES AS NON-MEMBER, I.E., ON SAME BASIS PRC NOW PARTICI-
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3. TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICE (EB) DIRECTOR NELSON, WHO SAT IN ON WONG MEETING, COMMENTED THAT AT MOS MOST REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS RATHER THAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THAT AMERICAN LIKELY TO BE

CHAIRMAN. THREE POSSIBILITIES AT MOS ARE (1) NO OUSTER PROPOSAL, (2) DISCUSSION OF OUSTER WITHOUT RESULT, (3) RECOMMENDATION TO AOP TO OUST ROC.

4. BASED ON RECENT POLITICAL ACTIONS AT ITU PLENTIPO-TENTIARY CONFERENCE IN SPAIN, NELSON SAID HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED IT LIKELY ROC WOULD BE VOTED OUT AT AOP. SINCE REPRESENTATIVES AT AOP WILL BE PREDOMINENTLY FOREIGN OFFICE MEMBERS RATHER THAN COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS, LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL ARGUMENTS WITHOUT MAJORITY VOTE BEHIND THEM LIKELY TO CARRY LITTLE WEIGHT.

5. WONG SAID HE WOULD REPORT THIS TO ROC. ON WAY OUT OF BUILDING, WONG SAID INTELSAT MOVE NOT UNEXPECTED.

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